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PIONEER WOMAN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. Mary M. Cravens, Eighty-four Years old, Entertained by Relatives at Middlesboro.

The birthday of Mrs. Mary M. Cravens, a native of this place, and the mother of Mr. M. Cravens, was celebrated at Middlesboro last Wednesday. A dispatch from that place to the Courier-Journal says:

Mrs. Mary M. Cravens, a pioneer resident of Middlesboro, and an interesting character, celebrated to-day her eighty-fourth birthday. She was entertained by a birthday party at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Don K. Price, and she was the recipient of many beautiful presents from her old-time friends.

This lovable woman was born in Adair county, December 1, 1825. She is the widow of Col. Timoleon Cravens, who was a prominent lawyer at Columbia and who figured quite conspicuously in the Civil War. Col Cravens was also largely instrumental in enlisting part of Morgan's command.

Mrs. Cravens has lived to witness four generations, representing six of her own children, eighteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. In spite of her years Mrs. Cravens still displays wonderful vigor of mind and body and, unlike many persons of advanced age, she keeps abreast of the times by being well informed upon all current events.

Mrs. M. H. Rhorer, wife of Judge M. H. Rhorer, the well-known lawyer of this section, and Mrs. Mary L. Frazier, the widow of Felix M. Frazier, formerly of Adair county, are daughters of Mrs. Cravens, and with these and her grandchildren she alternately makes her home.

Fortieth Anniversary.

The birthday of Mrs. J. P. Hutchison, who lives in Greensburg street, was celebrated last Sunday, she being forty years of age. Mrs. Hutchison did not know the event was to be celebrated until her neighbors and friends commenced to arrive, bringing well-filled baskets. At the proper hour the table was spread with an abundance of all the substantial, cakes, ices, etc., prepared to suit the taste of the most fastidious. Forty-eight persons dined and enjoyed one of the best dinners spread in Columbia for many a day. After the repast the afternoon was delightfully spent in social converse.

Death of an Aged Citizen.

Mr. John Pennycoff, who removed from Clinton county to Adair county several years ago, died in the suburbs of Columbia last Thursday morning. He was about sixty-eight or seventy years old and had been afflicted for six or eight months. He was a good citizen and when in health was a very industrious man, upright in all his transactions. The end came at his late home and in his dying hours he was surrounded by his children, his wife having preceded him to the grave several years ago. The sympathy of The News is extended to the surviving members of the family.

Mr. Tim Cravens and Robert Follis made narrow escapes last Saturday. They had gone down to the Milltown country, Mr. Cravens being in the insurance business. On their return in crossing Russell's creek at the slick rock ford, the ponies they were driving became scared and started at a rapid gait. Robert jumped from the buggy, but Mr. Cravens held on the lines until some distance was covered, when he was compelled to leave the vehicle. The ponies kicked fearfully, tearing the buggy to pieces. The occupants were not hurt. After shaking themselves they left the ponies, walked a couple of miles, hired a mule and rode double to Columbia, both being glad they got home alive.

Mr. W. T. McFarland who sold his farm a few days ago seems to be actively engaged in handling live stock locally. In fact he is in the habit of buying and selling mules and its facination is hard to down. He is now at it again and we pulled from him the following sales recently made: Sold to J. M. McFarland, Rowena, a pair of yearling mules for \$240; To A. S. Chewning a pair of yearling mules for \$225; also to Mr. Chewning a work mule for \$130; and also a milch cow for \$25; To S. A. McKinley a three-year-old mule for \$160; To James Gilpin a three-year-old mule for \$140; To E. L. Bennett one same age for \$125; Mr. McFarland bought a pair of yearling mules from Tom Corbin for \$200.

Stillwater, Okla.

Dec. 8th, 1909.

Adair County News:—Left Quana Texas on Wednesday Dec. 1st. We came to Lawton and spent the night, and left there for Enid at 7:40 a. m. Mrs. Williams joined me at Hinton, and we arrived at Enid at 3:30 in the afternoon. We spent one day and two nights in Enid and enjoyed our stay there very much. We met Mr. and Mrs. Todd who looked after us in a way to make us feel that we were among home people. Mrs. Todd is a daughter of Dr. Cartwright, of Columbia. Mr. Todd has a fine business here and they are well pleased with this country.

Mr. W. B. Hendrickson and family formerly of Casey Creek, Ky., are there but we did not locate them until too late to call on them and only had time for a little talk over the phone.

We met our Mr. Walker Bryant there just from Columbia. He is there on a short business trip. Our meeting at Garber near Fairmount was postponed on account of scarlet fever in the town. So we came from Enid to Stillwater last Saturday to visit some of our kin-people here. Will say that Enid is a fine city and bids fair to be one of the leading cities of the State. It has a population now of about 20,000 and is growing at a rapid rate. The Christian University here is developing into a fine school. E. V. Zollars, the President, is a fine Educator and has had a large experience in school work. It is becoming a great drawing card for the city.

It is fast becoming a Railroad center. We have been spending a pleasant visit here with my nephew, Virtus Williams and his mother and family. Virtus came here about 13 years ago, from Lexington Bible College, his first and only charge.

There was a small church here then of only 22 member, and had a very small building to worship in. They now have about five hundred members and a good church building but not large enough to accommodate the audience. I had the pleasure of speaking for him on Sunday morning to a good audience, though it was a cold day, there were 244 in Sunday school. They are having an attendance now of about 350.

Mrs. Helena Williams lives here but she is not satisfied to make her future home here; thinks of returning to Kentucky in the near future. Stillwater is a good city of about 5000 people. Only one road runs into this city.

The dry season here last year, causing short crops is being felt throughout the entire State, but the people are heroic and are looking for better things next year. One short crop here don't discourage the farmers much nor has it effected the value of lands much, or real estate in the cities.

We expect to leave here the first of next week and hope to be at home by the last of next week ready for the work with new zeal and energy. We have had a nice visit everywhere, and have kept well and hearty all the time. Z. T. Williams.

Preaching Next Sunday.

W. H. C. Sandidge, Greensburg.
F. J. Barger, Pleasant Hill.
Z. T. Williams, Roley.
J. N. Walbert, Bigg Creek.
J. R. Crawford, Columbia.
J. A. Johnston, Elroy.
J. H. Rood, Cane Valley.
J. F. Turner, Mt. Pleasant.
W. J. Levi, Mt. Gilead.
J. Menzies, Mosby's Ridge.
B. M. Currie, Columbia.
W. B. Cave, Pleasant Ridge.

A letter from Mr. J. W. Richards, Wamego, Kansas, says: After some delay I will endeavor to tell you about Mrs. Richards and my brothers folks: Mrs. Richard's health is very poor. Her mental condition is very good but her general health is quite poor. She has kept her bed for the most of the time, for about six weeks, and therefore is very weak and improves slowly. As for my brother he is in the sweet potato business. He and his boys had about ten acres and got about twelve hundred bushels, which was a poor stand for this country. He was in the business last summer and did well.

Rev. Frank Turner, of the United Brethren Church, and pastor of the Edmonton Circuit, sent us a well written article, giving an account of the cordial manner in which he and his wife were received in the district when then went to the parsonage. They were warmly greeted, a very sumptuous meal being on the table when they arrived. We would have been glad to have published the article in full, but it was misplaced and could not be found. Rev. Turner also ordered the paper sent to him, but his address was lost with the letter. He will please send in his address.

VERNON COFFEY,

Jailer of Green County, Shot and Killed Saturday Afternoon by H. A. Bagby.

THE SLAYER NOW IN CUSTODY.

The quiet town of Greensburg was thrown into a state of great excitement last Saturday afternoon when H. A. Bagby, a farmer, shot and killed Vernon Coffey, the jailer of Green county. From information gathered at this office the killing was without provocation.

The particulars, as told to us, about as follows: Bagby was drinking and he first created a disturbance at the depot. The depot agent swore out a warrant for his arrest and it was placed in the hands of Jailer Coffey, who went to make the arrest. Bagby resisted, drew his pistol and shot the officer in the forehead, killing him instantly. Bagby then escaped from town, followed by a posse of men who caught him two miles from the scene of the killing. Excitement was so high, many threats being made, it was deemed best not to lodge him in Jail at Greensburg, and he was carried to Alonzo Howard's where he is being guarded.

The deceased officer was a son of Mr. John Coffey, who in his life time frequently visited Columbia, and who was a professional auctioneer. He was also a first cousin of Mrs. W. L. Walker, L. L. and Wade Eubank.

He was a splendid young man and was making Green county an excellent official. His untimely death is universally regretted.

An Important Notice.

Do you desire an education? Would you take advantage of an opportunity? Attend the Cane Valley High School. Spring term opens January 3th, 1910. Rates of tuition \$1.35 to \$2.50 per month.

High School Course, Normal Course, Common School Course. Special attention given to boarding pupils.

Give us a trial and that child of yours a chance. For further information, address, W. W. Kerr, Cane Valley, Ky. 6-4t

A Serious Runaway.

Mr. Hendricks Sullivan, who run a team several months in Columbia this year, had the misfortune to lose one of his horses last Thursday morning. He was on the Russell Springs road with his team when his horses became scared and ran off, one of the animals striking a tree, breaking its neck. Mr. Sullivan is a poor man and the loss is considerable to him.

On Wednesday, the 22nd, inst., the Lindsey-Wilson will dismiss books until January 3, 1910. All the teachers will remain here for the holidays except Miss Eliza Gibbs, who will visit her parents in Mexico, Mo., returning in time for the January opening. The outlook is exceedingly good for many new pupils at the beginning of the winter term. The recent additions made to the buildings insures ample accommodations for all who will come.

J. E. Floyd, a young man about twenty-three years old, who lives in the Craycraft country, was arrested a few weeks ago on a bastardy warrant sworn out by Miss Amanda Belle Cravens, a girl about twenty-two years of age. The case was tried before Judge Hancock last Thursday and the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, giving her two dollars a month for twelve years.

Notice to Soldiers.

In 1864 there were 75 men drafted into the Union Army from Adair County. I have valuable information for any of them who are now living and for the heirs of those who are dead. It doesn't matter whether they sent a substitute or paid the \$300 commutation, it will be to the interest of such soldiers or their heirs, if they be dead, to call at my office in Columbia. G. P. Smythe.

The following mules were purchased in the last week and about Columbia: A. W. Pedigo, 25 head at form \$125 to \$200; Henry Altschler 21 head at \$90 to \$170 per head; Sam Burdett, 20 head at \$145 to \$200 per head; Ernest Groves, 6 head at \$140 to \$164; Young & Coffey, 23 at \$85 to 175; Geo. Herriford, 12 head at \$75 to \$195; A. Hunn, 10 at \$100 to \$160 per head.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of the Burkesville college, published elsewhere in this paper. The management is offering inducements.

Edwin Rhorer Married.

Mr. Edwin Rhorer, who was born and partly reared in Columbia, was married in Middlesboro Wednesday of last week. The Middlesboro Record gives the following account of the event:

Mr. E. A. Rhorer was quietly married Wednesday evening at 8:30 to Miss Ethel Hatfield at the Episcopal Church, Rev. R. E. Abrams officiating.

The bride was given away at the altar by her uncle, Mr. R. Hoyland, and Edward Sampson acted as best man to the groom. Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Rhorer repaired to the residence of Judge M. H. Rhorer on Arthur Heights, the father of the groom where, they will reside temporarily.

The bride is the sister of Mrs. D. C. Ciles and a niece of Mrs. R. Hoyland. She has been a resident of Middlesboro for the past five years, having come here from Defiance, Ohio, the home of her birth. Until recently she was employed as operator at the Exchange of the Home Telephone Co., where she has been every since the beginning of their business here two years ago. With this company she was considered one of the most competent operators ever employed with them and by her genial and accommodating manner, she made a host of friends among the patrons of that concern. In addition to these qualifications, the bride has a winning personality and is popular with all who know her.

The groom is the son of Judge and Mrs. M. H. Rhorer, of this city, and is one of Middlesboro's most successful young business men. He has been the local representative of the Standard Oil Co., in this city for the past fifteen years, which fact alone, attests to the high regard in which he is held by this company.

The News-Record join in with a host of friends in extending congratulations to the happy pair.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhorer will shortly go to housekeeping at Mr. Rhorer's home, near the Middlesboro Hotel.

Mr. Robert McCorkle, who was a brother of Mrs. Flora Frazer and an uncle of Mrs. W. B. Patteson, this place, died in the Confederate Home, Pewee Valley, last Saturday night. He was born in Greensburg. He entered the Confederate army in 1861 and was a member of the Orphan Brigade. He was a gallant soldier and was in a number of hotly contested battles. He was 67 years old.

A Masonic Lodge, U. D., was organized at Egypt last Saturday afternoon by Past Grand Master James Garnett, assisted by Mr. Gordon Montgomery, Mr. A. D. Patterson and Mr. J. E. Murrell. J. D. Absher is the master, John B. Russell Senior Warden and John Riall Junior Warden. The organization will be known as Adair Lodge and will work under dispensation until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in October next.

Eld. T. S. Buckingham, field worker of the Anti Saloon League, will preach at the Christian Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon and at night, arrangements will be announced Sunday for mass services. The usual services will be held at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches Sunday forenoon.

Fifteen Kentucky steers that averaged 1,466 pounds, were sold on the Chicago market one day last week at \$8.50 per hundred. We do not know what county these cattle were from, but no such has ever been sold on the Louisville market. Top hogs sold in Louisville at \$8.30.

Messrs. R. F. Paull, Geo. F. Stults and R. W. Winfrey were the town supervisors. The board was in session several days of last week, and a number of property holders were summoned before them to show cause why their possessions should not be raised.

The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. W. B. Patteson next Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This will be an important meeting, as the officers for the ensuing year are to be elected. The members are also requested to bring their penny slips.

Mr. Jim Buck Smith, brother of Mr. Wyatt Smith, this place, died in Oklahoma last month. He was a native of Green county, but lived about twenty years near Campbellsville, Taylor county and was well known in both Taylor and Green counties.

The Northern Poultry Company, of this place, started one thousand geese and turkeys to market last Monday morning. Counting the number heretofore shipped by Grinstead & Co., doubtless 2,000 or 2,500 have left Columbia in the last two week.

Progress of Methodism.

Editor News:

It may be of interest to some of your readers who are interested in the success of the Methodist Church in these mountain counties, to give a few items by which they may judge of the progress of our work.

The year that closed with our recent Annual Conference was the most successful one that we have had in our history. More than eleven hundred were converted under the ministry of preachers, and nine hundred and twenty were added to the membership of the church. This will be better appreciated when we say that the Columbia District furnished more than one third of the net gain in membership for the whole Conference.

There was a very gratifying gain in financial reports from the various circuits. The minutes show that from all sources we raised for missions last year \$2360, which is very much better than any former showing. This, with a very gratifying increase in the contributions for support of ministry, indicate a more healthy condition in all departments of church life.

The new year opens auspiciously. A marked increase in assessments for ministerial support, is gratifying to all lovers of the church, and propisies better things for the near future.

Great revivals are rewarding the labors of our preachers, and they are helpful and courageous. Bro. Tally has held two gracious meetings already, resulting in many conversions and in raising more than \$150 for missions. The outlook for the work of our local church in Columbia was never more hopeful. The work of our former pastor, Bro. Kasey, has prepared well the way for his successor, and Bro. Currie has taken hold of his work vigorously and is already reaping results. His splendid sermons are drawing large crowds, and all recognize him as the man for the situation.

He has added 33 names to the Church Register, and has organized a promising class at Pleasant Grove, consisting of 15 members. This was made possible by the faithful work of Rev. J. W. Nelson, of the L. W. T. S., who has been preaching at that point for some months.

The Epworth League has been re-organized, the Woman's work is taking on new life and \$291.50 has been raised during the first two months of the new year.

We loved Bro. Kasey and his family. We shall never love them less, but we also love Bro. Currie and his family and mean to stand by them in their noble work. I am handing you a list of our second round of quarterly meetings. If you will give space to this and these few notes, you will bring me under lasting obligations to you for your kindness. Cordially,

T. L. Hulse.

Attention, Christians.

Foreign Missionary work is a cause that should not be neglected, and it goes on, as it should, year in and year out. But there comes a time when the poor at home should not be neglected. It is Christmas time when every body who is comfortably situated is giving and receiving little gifts of remembrance. There are perhaps some poor people with families of children in and about Columbia, the parents not able to make the little ones happy on the night of the visitation of Santa Claus. Would it not be a good idea for each Church in this community to look at the situation and do something for those who are in an unfortunate condition? It would certainly be a Christian act. The poor we have with us and they should be made to rejoice on the day we celebrate as the birthday of our Savior.

In looking over Columbia we can not count but sixteen persons who were residents of the place fifty years ago. The town now has a population of fifteen hundred, counting those who live just outside of the corporate limits and are town's people for all intents and purposes. There are one thousand and fifty in the corporate limits.

Ned Murray, a colored man who lives on the pike, one and a half miles from Columbia, lost his wife last Thursday. She was about fifty years old and was a very respectable colored woman. A large number of her people attended the funeral.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our little son and brother and also the doctors who administered so faithfully during the sickness.

George E. Powell and family.

The cold days of last week interfered with the progress of plastering at the Russell building.

Choosing a Christmas Present.

When you make a present of a periodical to a friend or a family you are really selecting a companion to influence them for good or ill during a whole year. If the acquaintances of your sons and daughters were to talk to them aloud as some periodicals talk to them silently, how quickly you would forbid the companionship! In the one case as in the other, the best course is to supplant the injurious with something equally attractive and at the same time "worth while." A food can be wholesome and utterly distasteful. Reading can be make so, too. But The Youth's Companion not only nourishes the mind, but delight it, just like that ideal human associate whom you would choose.

If the \$1.75 for the 1910 Volume is sent now, the new subscriber will be entitled to all the remaining issues of 1909; also The Companion's "Venetian" Calendar for 1910, lithographed in thirteen colors and gold.

The Youth's Companion, Campanian Building, Boston, Mass.

Read Russell & Co's announcement in to-day's paper.

Born, Dec. 5th, 1909, to B. G. Redman and wife, a daughter.

Wolford Bros. have purchased of Goff Bros. Royal Peacock. Consideration, \$450.

The list of Presiding Elder Hulse's appointments is published on our second page.

Only ten days until Christmas. Santa Claus will arrive late the night before.

Rev. B. M. Currie will fill the pulpit at the Baptist church the fourth Sunday night in this month.

W. T. McFarland sold to J. M. McFarland, of Rowena, one pair of yearling mare mules for \$240.

Born, to the wife of Mont Montgomery, Lebanon Junction, Sunday, the 5th inst., a ten pound son.

Snow fell for several hours here Monday. The flakes were small and the ground too wet for it to remain.

Workman from Louisville were here last week and installed the furnaces in the basement of the Russell building.

Mr. Geo. W. Cook has completed his cottage on the Greensburg road, this side of M. L. Mitchell's property and is living in it.

A reading and musical recital at the Lindsey-Wilson next Saturday evening. There will also be a play. Every body come.

On the second page of this paper can be found a very good likeness of Hon. Ben Johnson, who will be a Democratic candidate for Governor.

There will be a musical and literary entertainment at the Lindsey-Wilson next Saturday evening, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The public is invited.

STRAYED.—A Jersey heifer, grayish yellow, horns turned in at point. Will pay \$10 reward. She is 2½ years old. 6-2t Dr. S. P. Miller.

A great many of our subscribers entered upon a new year, beginning last month. They are requested to call and pay or send in their subscriptions.

Al Sinclair is selling coal oil at 15 cents per gallon, and sugar at 6½ cents. Besides he has an attractive assortment of Christmas goods, such as dolls, fancy candies, etc. Every thing is going at the lowest prices. 2t.

Dr. J. N. Page, of this place, has been appointed a member of the Legislative committee by the State Pharmaceutical Association. One druggist will be selected from each county to aid in getting a law through during the coming Legislature that will be beneficial to the druggists of the State.

Mrs. C. C. Cape, whose home was near Olga, Russell county, died on the 8th inst. She was 79 years old and was a very estimable old lady. She left three sons and several grandchildren. Her husband died about one year ago. She was an affectionate mother, and her influence will long be felt by the surviving children.

Mr. I. K. Miller and sons who own a good farm near Campbellsville and who handle live stock and probably sell more fertilizers from their place of business in Campbellsville than any other one firm in Taylor county, are practical men who know how to make every thing count in their line of operation. A few days ago they sold a fat Polan China porker that pulled the weight 660 pounds, bringing the neat sum of \$46 20.